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**WRITTEN REPLY**

 **QUESTION 31 [CW35E]**

***Number of unemployed/temporary employees***

**31. Mr W A S Aucamp (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:**

(a) What is the current percentage of the unemployed and (b) how many temporary employees were employed in all the sectors in the (i) 2013/14, (ii) 2014/15, (iii) 2015/16, (iv) 2016/17 (v) 2017/18 and (vi) 2018/19 financial years? CW35E

**REPLY:**

The honourable member should be appraised that the Department of Employment and Labour uses the official statistics as produced by Statistics South Africa. Thus, the response below is based on StatsSA data from the Quarterly Labour Force Survey. All reports are accessible through the StatsSA website

1. What is the current percentage of the unemployed?

According to Statistics SA report (Quarterly Labour Force Survey Results) Quarter 4 of 2019, the current official unemployed rate was 29.1 percent.

1. How many temporary employees were employed in all the sectors?

The Quarterly Labour Force Survey results show the number of employees who are employed on limited duration. The table below provides details on the number of employees who were employed on limited duration from 2013 to 2019 for all quarters.

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| **Nature of Employment contract**  |
| **Number of employees who are employed on limited duration (all sectors)**  |
|   | **Jan-Mar**  | **Apr-Jun**  | **Jul-Sep**  | **Oct-Dec**  |
| **Year** | **Thousand** | **Thousand** | **Thousand** | **Thousand** |
| **2013** | 1 655 | 1 700 | 1 848 | 1 975 |
| **2014** | 1944 | 2 001 | 2 019 | 2 010 |
| **2015** | 2 052 | 1 983 | 1 963 | 1 959 |
| **2016** | 1 859 | 1 775 | 1 928 | 1 890 |
| **2017** | 1 857 | 1 786 | 1 856 | 1 898 |
| **2018** | 1 936 | 1 858 | 1 827 | 1 961 |
| **2019** | 1 812 | 1 826 | 1 814 | 1 846 |

Source: Statistics South Africa; Quarterly labour Market Bulletin Quarter 4: 2013-19